

Earth Day 2005

Earth Day is observed on April 22 every year, but you should practice environmental conservation every day. Some simple ideas you can implement are:

- **Keep Your Neighborhood Clean**
If you see trash on the ground, toss it in a trash can.
- **Recycle Cans, Bottles, and Paper**
Save them at home and at school, and help your family recycle them.
- **Help Keep the Air Clean**
Ride your bike or walk to school. Too many cars cause a lot of pollution.
- **Save Paper**
Use both sides of your paper at school and at home.
To clean up messes, use sponges or washable cloths instead of paper towels.
- **Help Save Water**
Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth.
- **Help Save Energy**
Turn off the lights when you leave the room.
Turn off the TV when you're finished watching it.
Don't leave the refrigerator door open. Get what you want quickly.

And Remember . . .

Don't ever think you're not important to our earth. You are.

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<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/earthday3.html>

Websites You May Want to Visit

Earth Day Network

<http://www.earthday.net/>

Kids For a Clean Environment

<http://www.kidsface.org/>

Books You May Want to Read

Go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Subject, choose environment, unclick Adult at the top of the screen and then hit Search

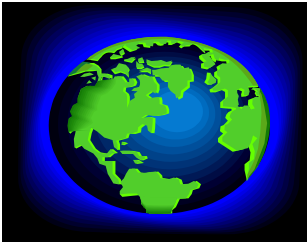
Celebrating Earth Day: A Sourcebook of Activities and Experiments by

Robert Gardner; illustrations by Sharon Lane Holm

Commemorates the annual anniversary of Earth Day and suggests activities and experiments for learning more about the earth and how to improve its condition.

Earth Day: Keeping our Planet Clean by Elaine Landau

Discusses the origins of Earth Day, its history, and how it is observed in the United States today.



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Earth Watch by David Burnie; consultant, Philip Whitfield

Teaches kids about conservation, environmental concerns, global warming and animal habitats.

My First Green Book by Angela Wilkes

Features environmental activities and projects in such areas as water pollution, recycling, acid rain, and wildlife gardens.

To Find More information about the Earth

In TEL, go to **Student Edition** or **Junior Edition - K12** and use the following search strategies:

Earth Day	environmental movement	environmental policy
environmental protection	environmentalists	pollution
conservation of natural resources	environmental justice	

Activity

Try some of these Earth Day activities.

- Hold a contest to see which classroom in your school produces the least amount of garbage during lunchtime the week of April 18 - 22.
- Organize a schoolyard or community cleanup.
- Challenge your family to "go green" by walking more, driving less, and carpooling.
- Create a compost pile at home.
- Plant a tree.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with high efficiency, compact fluorescents wherever possible.
- Install low-flow aerating showerheads and faucets.
- Pledge to reduce, reuse and recycle!